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Application of:

CARTY, S. D. et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CAPTURING AND STORING OPERATIONAL DATA CONCERNING AN INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER'S (ISP) OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND CUSTOMER WEB BROWSING HABITS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the application identified above as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the abstract of the invention **beginning** on page 69, line 7 of the specification with the following amended abstract:

CERTIFICATION OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

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